

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LIMA 04258 231948Z

21

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

(ISO) W

----- 054587

R 231740Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5271

INFO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

USCINCSO

AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMA 4258

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PE

SUBJ: MORALES BERMUDEZ TOURS NORTHERN PERU AND ENGAGES IN
DIALOGUE

1. ON A WEEK-LONG SWING THROUGH NORTHERN PERU, PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ ON MAY 21 INAUGURATED A FISHING COMPLEX AT PAITA AND HELD ANOTHER OF HIS DIALOGUES WITH THE PEOPLE AT PIURA. EARLIER, ON MAY 19, HE MET ON THE NORTHERN BORDER WITH ECUADOR'S ARMY CHIEF, GENERAL LOPEZ SERRANO, DEMONSTRATING FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR. LIMA NEWS-PAPERS RHAPSODIZED ABOUT GOOD PERU-ECUADOR RELATIONS, MAKING NO REFERENCE TO ANY SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE COME UP.

2. ACCORDING TO LIMA'S PRESS, TWO TO FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE JAMMED PIURA'S MUNICIPAL THEATRE TO QUESTION MORALES BUERMUDEZ AND THE MINISTERS OF LABOR, TRANSPORT, FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, FOOD AND HOUSING, AS WELL AS THE HEAD OF THE PLANNING INSTITUTE. THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CARRIED ON TELEVISION IN NORTHERN PERU. SIXTY QUESTIONS WERE REPORTEDLY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LIMA 04258 231948Z

DEPOSITED IN AN URN AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEATRE. MOST

QUESTIONS DEALT WITH PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. MORALES
BERMUDEZ QUIPPED THAT ITAPPEARED THE "DUTY OFFICER" FOR THIS
DIALOGUE WAS AGRICULTURE MINISTER GALLEGOS.

3. REPORTEDLY, GALLEGOS INSISTED THAT THE PEASANTS WILL HAVE
TO PAY FOR THEIR NEW LANDS BECAUSE PERU'S GOVERNMENT HAD
EXPROPRIATED AND NOT CONFISCATED THESE LANDS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE AGRARIAN BANK HAS INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SATISFY
THE DEMAND FOR LOANS. MORALES BERMUDEZ PROMISED THAT THIS
SITUATION WOULD BE REMEDIED. GALLEGOS HINTED THAT THE
RICHER COOPERATIVES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DEPOSITING
THEIR FUNDS
IN COMMERCIAL BANKS AS HAS BEEN THE CASE, BUT MAY
HAVE TO PUT THEIR MONEY IN SOME KIND OF AGRARIAN BANK. HE
ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CAMPESINO
"AGITATION" IN THE UPPER REACHES OF THE PIURA VALLEY BUT
DENIED THAT THERE WAS REPRESSION THERE.

4. OTHER QUESTINS DEALT WITH SUGAR PRICES, FOOD SHORTAGES,
ALLEGED CORRUPTION OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, EDUCATION,
HOUSING AND HEALTH PROBLEMS. MORALES BERMUDEZ AND HIS MIN-
ISTERIAL TEAM EITHER TOLD THE PUBLIC WHAT THE GOP WAS DOING
OR PROMISED TO STUDY VARIOUS MATTERS.

5. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A KNOWLEDGEABLE CIVILIAN POLITICIAN,
THESE DIALOGUES ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THEY ALLOW MORALES
BERMUDEZ TO DRAW UP A BALANCE SHEET OF THE COUNTRY'S ILLS. THE
DIALOGUES EXPOSE THE MINISTERS TO SHORTCOMINGS OF CURRENT
MILGOV POLICIES THEREBY GIVING MORALES BERMUDEZ AN OPPORTUNITY
TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL POLICIES. IN ADDITION, THE DIALOGUES
TEND TO UNDERMINE MILITARY CONFIDENCE IN VELASCO, FIRMING UP
SUPPORT FOR HIS PUTATIVE SUCCESSOR MORALES BERMUDEZ.
DEAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESS COMMENTS, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETING PROCEEDINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LIMA04258
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750183-0089
From: LIMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750524/aaaaauzz.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 SEP 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <04 SEP 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORALES BERMUDEZ TOURS NORTHERN PERU AND ENGAGES IN DIALOGUE
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PE, EC, (MORALES BERMUDEZ C, FRANCISCO), (LOPEZ SERRANO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006